

REMARKS

Applicants elect with traverse to have the claims of Group III examined on the merits.


Applicant traverses the Restriction Requirement for the reason that the claims of the different groups are drawn generally to the same invention and that it would not be a burden upon the Patent Office to examine the claims on the merits. The Examiner's assertion that the claims are subcombinations, which are distinct from each other if they are shown to be separately usable, is submitted not to be sufficient justification to not consider the subcombinations in the examination of generic claim 1.

An early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (1030.40918X00) and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

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